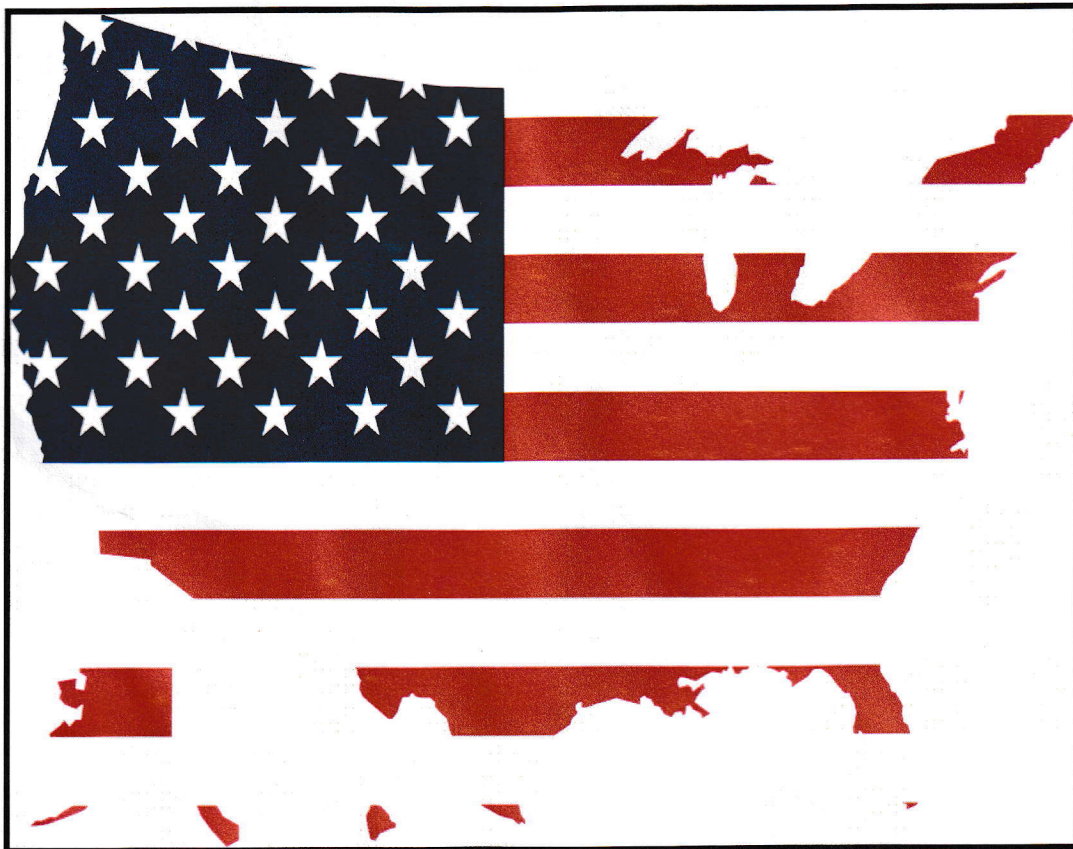


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# Acknowledgement

“For All who love the ways of Right...”  
Remembering the Past  
and the Future...

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The year is two thousand six in the pastoral environment of a small town of America. This southern region of the grand U.S.A. is another product of those brave colonists, those dedicated statesmen of 1776.

The way projects that are imagined, dreamed and finally executed are from the lovers of this republic, this democracy, by primarily volunteers.

This nonindustrial section of our country has a lonely restored down-town square. Here are well kept stone urns of seasonal flowers and plantings. The center features a quaint gazebo where programs and happenings are held. It's focal point is a large flagpole flying the red, white and blue. This town, being the county seat of government, hosts the county courthouse. Since there is no thriving industry here, descendants of these families at the completion of their public education migrate to industrial areas where jobs are possible. Available here are mainly manual, school related personnel or service jobs. Residents here are simply old families continuing and commuters to other towns for employment.

Here daily life is survival, school activities with sports, church memberships with participation activities, and family affairs and gatherings.

The belief in America and our free form of life is strong. Distrust has risen in the past few years for our representations in Washington, D.C. Local opinion is that most elected politicians nowadays forget why they are elected. They seem to quickly ascend to their vaulted position and use it for their own private gain. They seem to enhance their personal financial



situations and forget the ones who are paying local, state, and federal taxes and obeying the laws of the land.

Here many examples of long-time loving Americans are not eligible for receiving help from the government agencies because they can't seem to find a way to qualify for assistance. Yet, non-citizens who send their earned paychecks back home to the country where they still are citizens, receive all the services of our local born America. There are perhaps much less than 100 migrants who have achieved citizenship here. Yet much Spanish is heard locally and many speaking it are employed with the forest affiliated jobs while blacks are on social security and unemployment.

There is much convincing on the condition of our federal budget and its huge deficit. Many of the locals conversation turns to the time of the Democratic government of Bill Clinton and the no-deficit budget time. There is much distrust in the decisions of our elected U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators in Washington, D.C.

The original statesman dedication has simply turned into two parties and their interests - Democrats and Republicans. It seems the general love and well being of the beloved home country is gone in our current elected national government people.

The people here crave the time past, where trust was the largest factor in successful campaigns. Now, it seems, the only way to be elected to government positions is to be a millionaire, to have financial clout, or to achieve numerous lobbyists on your side. Pitiful. In reflecting, we see that Abe Lincoln could never achieve his historically loved position that we all take such pride in.

In the world's history, there have always been slave situations certainly wrong, but always happening. We have the strong Romans making the intelligent Greeks their slaves. Here we find the Roaman's intelligent growth greatly enhanced.

We see the strength of the Egyptians and their unbelievable building projects carried on by the persevering power of their slaves, the Israelites... These Israelites, although free, are still enslaved in the eyes of their territory neighbors by terror.

As Americans, as free voting capitalists, we must - to survive historically - believe in and support our brother, the Jewish nation of Israel.

To this agricultural area, the treatment of Israel by terrorists and its adjacent nations is an unacceptable situation. Israel is a free nation and deserves its security, its continuing progress, and the freedom for its citizens to live in a peaceful environment. Reality here is for the Arab world to leave Israel alone to run their democracy of safety and freedom for its world citizens. Their people given a home from many countries where they were persecuted and killed must be safe and have protected freedom.

Suffering here in our country's earlier agricultural beginnings as slaves, these Americans are free, have equal rights, equal opportunities all over this grand democracy. In schools, jobs, and positions, color, creed, and upbringing is blind. As it should be, ability is the reason for success. Sadly, this is becoming less and less the success story in this are. Without money here, cracks appear.

Blacks still use the excuse of slavery. What a shame after all the legislated laws and protected conditions. Locally, many of our white



citizens seem to feel the color of white is often the reason for unemployment. Qualified blacks receive priority because of U.S. rulings. Local manuals are unemployed because of cheaper salaried Mexican unions.

In the past, our poor citizens worked. Now, many times, government checks cause laziness and nonworkers. Pitiful.

As a product of veterans of every American war for independence or rights - the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the military involvement during past years and now, the unsolvable situation involving freedoms and oil are taking the lives of our mother's sons. The answer??

Specitations here is for life to always stay as is, as was. Hope is for a comfortable, free existence as is for now, for always as was the past. Fact is really not reality, here all our populace wants it to be always. Like they've lived in and enjoyed is the hope for the future U.S. years. A country where neighbors were trusted, children were safe, Chritianity was revered, Americans honored our flag, pledged its allegiance, dressed in U.S. style clothing, revered unborn life, worshipped the one and only living God Almighty and believed that His only Son was the way to Eternal Llife or Heaven or Paradise - the Eternal Garden of Eden - this maybe is reality looking through "rose-colored glasses".

Our people still believe the U.S. can be great, and that faith, hope, honesty, dedication, belief in each other must re-enter the daily life.

Our people believe that T.V. and the media with the film industry need to go back to earlier times where privacy was honored, there were rules for what was decent and there were rules for what was 'put - out' for Americans. That they have a responsibility for teaching our young ones the difference of right and wrong...that rudeness, filth, crudeness, profanity for Americans to see, hear and read is not acceptable...That surely this doesn't have to be legislated to be observed, but that our people will have it in their hearts to do these things for the endurance of America, where ' God is our Trust '.

To hold on to the past for our inheritance and to go forward into the future for our children and our country's world position, we must continue our unique military strength. We must elect local, state, national, and all public officials who have a great love, compassion, and responsibility for this democracy. Born citizen, naturalized citizen, elite, peons, financial wizards, poor and rich alike, educated and uneducated, must display this dedication.

Perhaps we haven't grasped the blessings we've enjoyed all our lives and in our country's past. It wasn't free. It didn't have problems. All the people weren't in agreement. Yes, our boys, our men fought without reservation in all these wars.

Our people believed in our country's involvement and freely gave themselves, paid their taxes, and obeyed the laws.

These earlier ones smoked, drank, fought, but married, had family life, and believed. The emergence of drugs, distraught youth, broken families, one sex parents, disbelief in the only God, displacing prayer, confidence and the teaching of the Bible has caused devastation. Public



schools have suffered. Dishonest politicians and leaders have caused distrust.

Reality has been grasped. It is present still, unhappily received.

Heating and cooling expenses, gasoline prices, the Supreme Court's ruling, the allowings of American business and production to be overseas, the loss of U.S. manufacturing, the sale of American enterprizes to foreign countries dominating of foreign influence in our nation's ports and shipping the influx of millions of aliens, the tax loops for influentials, the underpaid public school teachers, overpaid athletes, the loss of the strength of the middle - class Americans are decisive factors of our area's realities. Perhaps seeing the day's news, hearing the commentaries telling hearers what to think, seeing and hearing a coarse, overweight, uncouth, casually attired person - on - the street is a true picture of today's America.

Having a hold on the present involves remembering the past and working on the future. Reality should not be insecurity. Hear the truth, bind with your families, be positive, love the U.S.A., the flag and its citizens. We'll hold the future for our future population in our hands.

# *Dedication*

Dedication to all loving Americans and their plans and hopes for the future of their descendants. To my Robert Allen Carpenter Jr., Julie Anne Burbank Carpenter, to Lauren Elizabeth, Mary Ashley and all our beloved families, my total dedication and love.

I am always in love...

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